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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) Sometime in February last, the Government received representations alleging that the fishermen in Singaravelnagar in Ponneri taluk had left the village and taken refuge in Andhra State due to harassment by Police. On enquiry it was found that the allegations were baseless.

Sheep breeding farms

*1660-A *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா —

மூன்ருவது ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தில் ஆடுகள் வளர்ப்புப் பண்ணை எங்கெங்கே ஏற்படுத்தப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Provision has been made for starting 12 sheep and wool extension centres and one sheep farm in the plan. The exact location of the extension centres has not yet been settled. The new sheep farm will be located in the existing Ramanathapuram District Livestock Farm at Chettinad.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether the sheep in these farms are reared for mutton or wool?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : We have farms which produce both varieties of sheep.

Warehouse for Nagercoil

*1660-B *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any proposal to construct a warehouse in Nagercoil;

(b) the estimated cost; and

(c) the nature of the facilities to be provided in the warehouse?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost is Rs. 3 lakhs.

(c) The growers and merchants will be provided with facilities to keep their produce in the warehouse on payment of fees at the scheduled rates. The depositors could raise loans from the State Bank of India or other banks including Co-operative Banks and marketing societies on the pledge of warehouse receipts. If warehouse receipt is pledged, the State Bank of India advance loans to the growers up to Rs. 5,000 without delay eschewing the formalities to establish the credit-worthiness of the party. The warehouse will keep a good stock of gunnies for hire to the growers and preserve the produce deposited therein without deterioration by periodical dusting and fumigation.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know when exactly the warehouses will be constructed? May I know at what time, whether during the course of this year they would be constructed?